Profits earned by the Bureau of Mineral Development.

*Q.—140. **Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY** (Chicknayakanahalli).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the quantity and sale value of iron ore mined and sold by the Bureau of Mineral Development in the years 1957-58, 1958-59 and 1959-60 up to 30th December 1959 ;

(*b*) the profits in each of these years ?

*A.—**Sri K. F. PATIL** (Minister for Forest and Transport).—

(*a*) (1) 1957-58 No mining of iron ore.

(2) 1958-59 do

(3) 1959-60—

upto 30th December 1959 iron ore mined 32,869 tons. Value : Rs. 2,95,821.

Sold : 12,227 tons railed. Total sale value realised Rs. 1,10,043.

(*b*) The accounts for the financial year 1959-60 is not yet finalised. The profits can only be assessed after that.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—You have stated that it is only in 1959-60, that the Mineral Development Board undertook mining of iron ore. Is the Government aware that the Government of India informed in the year 1957, that iron ore was scheduled as "A" mineral ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಫ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಆ ಬೋರ್ಡ್ ಕೆಲಸ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ ಮಾಡುವ ವರೆಗೆ ಬೇರೆ ಬೇರೆ ಖಾಸಗಿಯವರನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೇ ಏನಾ ಕಬ್ಬಿಣದ ಅದುರನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದಿಲ್ಲ.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—When there was good iron market, why did they start it at a late hour ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಫ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—1959ರಲ್ಲೇ ಬೋರ್ಡ್ ಅಸ್ತಿತ್ವಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದದ್ದು. ಆಗಿನಿಂದ ತೆಗೆಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—May I know whether the Mineral Development Board has taken any portion of the Japanese contract which was concluded with S.T.C. ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಫ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಮಿನರಲ್ ಡೆವಲಪ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಬೋರ್ಡ್ ಎಸ್. ಟಿ. ಸಿ. ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಒಂದು ಒಪ್ಪಂದ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಕೆ. ರಾಜಯ್ಯಶೆಟ್ಟಿ.—ಎಷ್ಟು ಟನ್ನಿಗೆ ? ಯಾವ ಬೇಸಿಸ್‌ಮೇಲೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಫ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—F.O.R. ಬೇಸಿಸ್ ಮೇಲೆ, 50 ಸಾವಿರ ಟನ್‌ವರೆಗೆ. 30 ಸಾವಿರ ಟನ್‌ವರೆಗೆ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ತೆಗೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ. 12,227 ಟನ್ ವಾರಾಟವಾಡಿ ರೈಲಿಗೆ ಹಾಕಿದೆ, ರೈಲ್ವೆ ಅಡಚಣೆಯಿಂದ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಕಳುಹಿಸಲು ಬೇಗ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗಿಲ್ಲ.

Construction of Causeways in Sakleshpur Taluk.

*Q.—150. **Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA** (Belur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that estimates were got prepared for the construction of causeways across Kumtikalla in Hanbad Hobli across Hulimavinahole in Hettur Hobli and across Byadanahalla in Sakaleshpur Taluk ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the people of the surrounding villages are urging the Government for the last 10 years to construct these causeways ;

(*c*) the reasons for postponing the construction of these causeways for such a long time of over 10 years ?

*A.—**Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA** (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(*a*) Yes. Estimates in respect of the first work have been sanctioned, while the estimates in respect of the latter two have been got up and are under further technical scrutiny.

(*b*) There have been representations for the last five or six years.

(*c*) Since the causeways are on District Fund roads, the works could not be taken up earlier. They are now being considered under the new programme approved by Government.

Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA.—Is it not a fact that for more than 15 years the people of the surrounding villages have been urging the Government to construct these causeways ?

†Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I cannot say exactly from what time they have been urging.

Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA.—Will the Government see that they are completed this year ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I can assure this much that the estimates for all the three would be sanctioned and I may also assure that we shall try to complete them as early as possible.

Release of Forest Land for cultivation in Kollegal Taluk.

*Q.—156. Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA (Palaiyam).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the percentage of Forest area in Kollegal Taluk ;

(*b*) whether it is not a fact that there are certain blocks in the Forest areas, that can be released for cultivation, without affecting the interest of the Forest or its income ;

(*c*) the number of acres of such blocks that can be released for the landless ryots for cultivation ;

(*d*) whether the Government propose to draw up a scheme in that behalf ?

A.—Sri K. F. PATIL (Minister for Forest and Transport).—

(*a*) About 70 per cent.

(*b*) There are such pockets in the middle of Reserve forests.

(*c*) About 1,000 acres.

(*d*) Just now there is a proposal to establish a Harijan colony in Palar area.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Is it not a fact that there are several representations, especially from the Harijans and other poor landless people to release forest land for cultivation ?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—Yes.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—According to the formula that has been worked out, is it not a fact that at least 10,000 acres can be released ?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—That would give only a very rough idea.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—After all the criteria are fulfilled, what percentage of the available forest land will be released ?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—The whole survey is being made.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—If any lands had been under cultivation and if for some reason or another they have been abandoned and included in the forest, will they at least be released ?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—Such lands, if they be irrigable, can be released.

N.E.S. Block to Tiptur Taluk.

*Q.—183. Sri K. P. REVANNA-SIDDAPPA (Tiptur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

when they will sanction a N.E.S. Block to Tiptur Taluk ?

A.—Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Deputy Minister for Planning and Development).—

The claims of Tiptur Taluk will be considered by Government at the time of the next allotment of N.E.S. blocks.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪಿ. ರೇವಣ್ಣಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ.—ಮುಂದಾದರೂ ಬ್ಲಾಕುಗಳನ್ನು ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ವಿಂಗಡಿಸುವಾಗ, ತಿಪಟೂರು ತಾಲೂಕನ್ನು ಗಣನೆಗೆತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರಾ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ಲಿಂಗಾರೆಡ್ಡಿ.—ಕನ್‌ಸಿಡರ್ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪಿ. ರೇವಣ್ಣಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ.—ಮೊದಲನಿಂದಲೂ ಪ್ರತಿ ಸಲವೂ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಈ ತಾಲೂಕಿಗೆ ಬ್ಲಾಕು ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಶಿಫಾರಸು ಮಾಡಿರುವುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ಲಿಂಗಾರೆಡ್ಡಿ.—ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರಿಗೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಬ್ಲಾಕುಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವೋ, ಅದಕ್ಕಿಂತಲೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಗೆ ತೆರೆಯಲು ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಶಿಫಾರಸುಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಕಡೆಗಳಲ್ಲೂ ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲ.